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|---|---|---|
| Grenades | - | 16 |
| Wireless sets | - | 18 |

A large quantity of ammunition was also surrendered.

**Price of Kerosene**

50. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Goverhment are considering changes in administered price mechanism by introduction of adjusted import parity prices for kerosene, petrol, diesel, LPG and aviation fuel at the refinery gate from 1997-98;

(b) if so, furnish details of changes proposal in the present administered price mechanism and implications thereof both on operating organisations and consumers;

(c) the details of recommendations of R-Group in this regard and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the present status of the "action taken" on various policy changes proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). Government had constituted a 'Strategic Planning Group' on restructuring of the National oil Industry with members comprising of top management from public and private sector and leading experts from academic and research institutes. It's report is under examination of the Government.

*[Translation]*

**Petroleum Products**

51. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether heavy increases in the import-prices of petroleum products is estimated in the current financial year in comparison to that of the previous years;

(b) if so, the value and quantity of various petroleum products imported in 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, separately;

(c) the estimated value and quantity of petroleum products to be imported in the current year, separately;

(d) whether there is possibility of heavy difference in the petroleum pool account due to increase in the import-price; and

(e) if so, the likely extent of difference in the said account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity and value of various petroleum products imported during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :

| Year | Quantity imported | Value (Rs. Crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 12.076 | 7041 |
| 1994-95 | 13.951 | 7522 |
| 1995-96 | 20.335 | 12578 |

(c) the quantity and value of petroleum products imported in the current year would depend upon the over all demand, indigenous production and prices prevailing in the international market.

(d) and (e). The deficit in the pool account is estimated to increase from Rs. 5,700 crores to around Rs. 15,500 crores during the year 1996-97.

*[English]*

**New Recognition Rules**

52. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have deferred the implementation of 'New Recognition Rules' in Central Services to decide the representative State of Unions/ Associations for grant of recognition in the face of certain modifications sought by Unions/Associations;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted negotiations or conducting negotiations to sort out the differences and to amend the New Recognition Rules suitably before implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether implementation of New Recognition Rules would be kept in abeyance till agreements on controversial aspects of rules is reached with Unions/ Associations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Formal as well as informal meetings have been held at different levels from time to time with the Staff Side members of National J.C.M. and the Government have taken Note of their views.

(d) No, Sir.

**Private Sector in Housing Projects**

53. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of